

Federal Advisory Committee (FAC) Membership Balance Plan

Please read the Federal Advisory Committee Membership Balance Plan Guidance prior to completing this form

(1) FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE NAME <i>State the legal name of the FAC</i>
North American Numbering Council
(2) AUTHORITY <i>Identify the authority for establishing the FAC</i>
The Council was established at the direction of the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.
(3) MISSION/FUNCTION <i>Describe the mission/function of the FAC</i>
The purpose of the Council is to advise the Commission and to make recommendations, reached through consensus, that foster efficient and impartial North American Numbering Plan (NANP) administration. The Council will advise the Commission on numbering policy and technical issues, initially resolve disputes as directed by the Commission, and provide guidance to the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA), the Pooling Administrator (PA), the Local Number Portability Administrator (LNPA), and the Billing and Collection (B&C) agent, as directed by the Commission.
(4) POINTS OF VIEW <i>Based on understanding the purpose of the FAC,</i> <i>(a) describe the process that will be used to ensure the committee is balanced, and identify the categories (e.g. individual expertise or represented interests) from which candidates will be considered;</i> <i>(b) consider indentifying an anticipated relative distribution of candidates across the categories; and</i> <i>(c) explain how a determination was made to appoint any individuals as Special Government Employees or Representative members</i>
Members of the Council are appointed by the Chairman of the Commission in consultation with appropriate Commission staff. Members are selected to balance the expertise and viewpoints that are necessary to address effectively the issues to be considered by the Council. To ensure the Council membership is balanced, members represent various sectors of the telecommunications industry and organizations representing communications service providers; state regulators; and consumer and community organizations. Industry representatives are selected from local exchange carriers, wireless carriers, interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol and other IP-enabled service providers, equipment manufacturers, cable service providers, and industry trade associations.

Members are appointed as representatives of the telecommunications industry, or as representatives of consumers of telecommunications. Council members will not serve as “Special Government Employees.”

(5) OTHER BALANCE FACTORS

List any other factors your agency identifies as important in achieving a balanced FAC

The Commission finds it particularly important for the Council to include industry and consumer advocate members that represent the interests of traditionally underserved consumers located in rural areas.

(6) CANDIDATE IDENTIFICATION PROCESS

Summarize the process intended to be used to identify candidates for the FAC, key resources expected to be tapped to identify candidates and the key persons (by position, not name) who will evaluate FAC balance. The summary should:

- (a) describe the process*
- (b) identify the agency key staff involved (by position, not name)*
- (c) briefly describe how FAC vacancies, if any, will be handled by the agency; and*
- (d) state the membership term limit of FAC members, if applicable*

The Federal Communications Commission solicits nominations and expressions of interest in membership on the Council. Organizations may nominate their Chief Executive Officer, Chief Technical Officer, or other senior-level officer. As Council members may not be registered federal lobbyists, nominees who are registered federal lobbyists will not be considered. No specific nomination form is required; however, each nomination must include the following information:

- Name, title, organization of the nominee and a description of the organization, sector or other interest the nominee will represent;
- Nominee’s mailing address, e-mail address, telephone number, and facsimile number;
- A statement summarizing the nominee’s qualifications and reasons why the nominee should be appointed to the NANC. To the extent the nominee will represent a specific organization, the statement should also include a description of the organization as well as the benefit of having the organization represented on the Council; and
- A statement confirming that the nominee is not a registered federal lobbyist.

Members will be appointed for a term not to exceed the expiration date of the Council's charter. Nominations and expressions of interest will be reviewed by the Council's Designated Federal Officer who will make recommendations for membership to the FCC Chairman. If vacancies occur, the FCC Chairman will determine if they will be filled, and who will fill them, for the remainder of the term.

(7) SUBCOMMITTEE BALANCE

Subcommittees subject to FACA should either state that the process for determining FAC member balance on subcommittees is the same as the process for the parent FAC, or describe how it is different*

**This is relevant to those agencies that require their subcommittees to follow all FACA requirements.*

When the need arises to form subcommittees of the NANC, members will be asked to serve as appropriate or to recommend representatives from their organizations. The DFO, in consultation with the FCC Chairman and the Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau, will monitor membership balance in the formation of subcommittees to ensure that the balance mirrors that of the committee itself.

(8) OTHER

Provide any additional information that supports the balance of the FAC

None

(9) DATE PREPARED/UPDATED

Insert the actual date the Membership Balance Plan was initially prepared, along with the date(s) the Plan is updated

July 31, 2015